SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—There are at present five Primary schools and one Vernacular middle school in the taluk under Government management, besides five aided schools. Government do not consider it necessary to open any more Government schools in the taluk. But should the people open schools of their own and apply for aid, Government are prepared to sanction grants for them.

182. *Value of trees on puduvals.*

The member also spoke about the hardship of the recovery of the value of trees standing on puduvals and not useful for building purposes.

Dewan's reply.—I have already said that this question of collecting the value of timber is under the consideration of Government.

183. *Settlement rates not properly fixed.*

Mr. Varid Mathai said that, owing to want of proper means of communication, the inspection of properties by Settlement officers for purposes of assessment was not thorough and requested that the rates now fixed should not therefore be adopted.

Dewan's reply.—Government are not prepared to do as suggested.

184. *Opening of new roads.*

The member then asked for two roads—one from Kumaramangalam Proverti Cutcherry to Kothamangalam and Thrikariyoor, and the other from Koothattukulam market to Kalavoor church landing *via* Thottakara and Vazhakulam.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to these roads, both the Peishkar and the Chief Engineer are agreed that Todupuzha is a tract of country which very much requires to be opened up. I shall order an investigation to be made and estimates prepared for the roads; and when the latter are received, these roads will receive special consideration.

KUNNATNAD TALUK.

Mr. Eravi Narayanan requested—

185. *Hospital at Perumbavoor.*

(1) that a hospital be opened at Perumbavoor: and

186. *English Middle School at Perumbavoor.*

(2) that the Alwaye Government English Middle School be shifted to Perumbavoor.

Dewan's reply.—(1) Government do not think that a hospital at Perumbavoor is at present necessary. There is a Vaidyasala in the place.

(2) The English Middle School at Alwaye cannot be removed to Perumbavoor, because Government are constructing a building at Alwaye and because there is already

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